



CROP WEATHER

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Agricultural Summary: Producers averaged 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork, Statewide. Aided by open weather, harvest is in full swing in most areas. Temperatures approached freezing in some areas but no significant frost was reported. Major activities included wheat planting and row crop and silage harvesting. Topsoil moisture was rated 10 percent very short, 39 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated 11 percent very short, 38 percent short, and 51 percent adequate.

Field Crop Report: Seventy-five percent of the **wheat** has been planted, 8 points ahead of last year and 6 points ahead of the 5-year average. Thirty-nine percent of the wheat is emerged, 1 point behind last year but the same as the 5-year average. Wheat planting made good progress in some areas due to the passing of the Hessian fly-free date. Some areas are dusting in the wheat due to dry conditions. Ninety-seven percent of the **corn** is mature, compared to 98 percent last year and 99 percent for the 5-year average. Seventy-one percent of the corn has been harvested, 9 points ahead of last year but 6 points behind the 5-year average. Ninety-two percent of the **soybeans** are shedding leaves, compared to 89 percent last year and 93 percent for the 5-year average. Forty-three percent of the soybeans have been harvested, compared to 50 percent last year and 46 percent for the 5-year average. Soybean condition is rated 1 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 39 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. Ninety-eight percent of the **sorghum** is in the coloring stage, 2 points ahead of last year and 1 point ahead of the 5-year average. Seventy percent of the sorghum is mature, compared to 66 percent last year and 79 percent for the 5-year average. Thirty-one percent of the sorghum has been harvested, compared to 26 percent last year and 46 percent for the 5-year average. Sorghum condition is rated 3 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 39 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. Sixty-eight percent of the **cotton** is opening bolls, compared with 55 percent last year and 60 percent for the 5-year average. Cotton condition is rated 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. Ninety-four percent of the **sunflowers** are in the bracts yellow stage, compared to 80 percent last year and 95 percent for the 5-year average. Sixty-nine percent of the sunflowers are in the mature dry down stage, compared to 48 percent last year and 77 percent for the 5-year average. Thirty percent of the sunflowers have been harvested, compared to 17 percent last year and 36 percent for the 5-year average. Sunflower condition is rated at 1 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 52 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. Ninety-two percent of the fourth cutting **alfalfa** has been harvested, compared with 90 percent last year and 82 percent for the 5-year average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions are rated 7 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 31 percent good, and 3 percent excellent. Feed grain supplies are rated 2 percent very short, 7 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Hay and forage supplies are rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Stock water supplies are rated 5 percent very short, 16 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus.

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CROP CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 10/09/05

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Soybeans	1	9	39	46	5
Sorghum	3	11	41	39	6
Range & Pasture	7	18	41	31	3

CROP PROGRESS BY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICT AS OF 10/09/05

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	5-YR AVG.
Wht Planted	82	90	89	72	69	79	49	52	35	75	55	67	69
Wht Emerged	58	62	60	22	25	48	20	16	14	39	25	40	39
Corn Harvest	42	57	72	57	92	95	64	81	96	71	55	62	77
Soyb Shed	95	87	88	98	92	98	100	93	74	92	83	89	93
Soyb Harvest	60	36	44	67	59	52	33	30	36	43	20	50	46
Sorg Mature	79	69	41	74	74	80	82	77	95	70	62	66	79
Sorg Harvest	35	30	13	22	39	43	37	38	55	31	22	26	46

DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 10/09/05

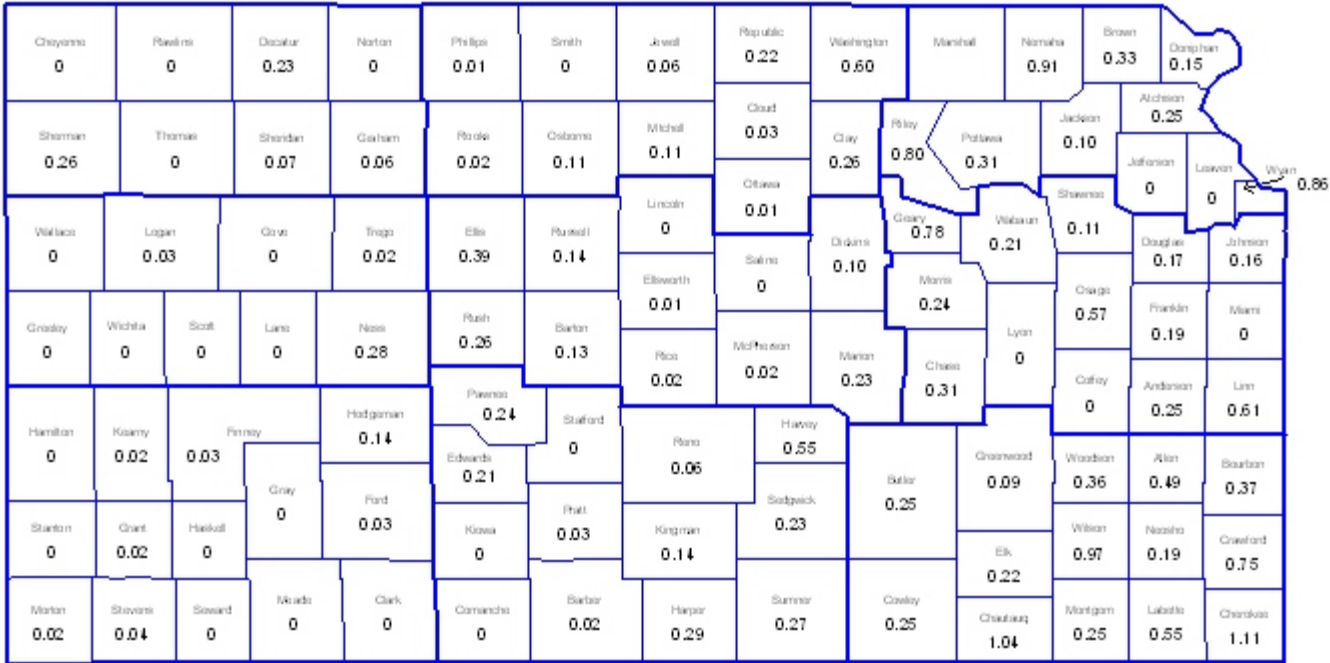
	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.4	6.7	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.6	4.4	5.8	5.6	6.3	6.2	4.4
Topsoil Moisture (Percent)												
Very Short	2	26	12	18	20	10	0	1	0	10	6	5
Short	57	47	55	53	51	48	13	8	24	39	36	20
Adequate	41	27	33	29	29	42	85	91	66	50	55	71
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	10	1	3	4
Subsoil Moisture (Percent)												
Very Short	3	38	22	11	21	8	3	0	0	11	12	12
Short	73	43	41	53	44	55	13	12	19	38	32	37
Adequate	24	19	37	36	35	37	83	88	81	51	56	50
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

TEMP. AND PRECIP. DATA, SELECTED SITES, FOR WEEK ENDING 10/09/05

Station		Temperature					Precip	Station		Temperature					Precip
		Air			Soil 4"					Air			Soil 4"		
Dist	City	Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min		Dist	City	Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	
NW	Colby	94	24	58	81	49	0.11	SC	Hesston	89	36	64	81	53	0.00
WC	Tribune	94	26	59	77	58	0.29	NE	Powhatt	89	31	61	83	51	0.19
SW	Grdn Cty	93	36	63	84	54	0.03	NE	Manhat	91	34	62	81	53	0.80
NC	Scandia	95	30	62	81	54	0.00	EC	Ottawa	88	33	63	76	53	0.02
C	Hays	91	33	62	80	53	0.00	EC	Slvr Lk	89	35	62	85	56	0.11
SC	Hutch	89	36	64	84	71	0.02	EC	Rossvl	88	35	62	84	57	0.01
SC	St John	89	36	64	85	57	0.00	SE	Parsons	88	36	64	78	54	0.55

Data collected by Automated Stations (above) may differ from official stations (below). Automated stations report through midnight on Sunday. Official reporting station data are through 8:00 a.m. Sunday. The map data are collected by individuals (one or more per county).

PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 9, 2005



Omission of an entry indicates report not received.